

About this publication	Description
Publication title	Healthy Life Expectancy in Scotland, 2018-2020
Description	Annual publication of healthy life expectancy estimates for Scotland and Scottish areas.
Theme	Life Expectancy
Format	Excel workbooks, Comma Separated Value (CSV) files and Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) files.
Data source(s)	<a href="#">Deaths and births from the civil registration system</a> <a href="#">Mid-year population estimates</a> <a href="#">Small area population estimates</a> <a href="#">Annual Population Survey</a> <a href="#">The Scottish Government Urban Rural Classification</a> <a href="#">The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation</a> <a href="#">Scotland's Census 2011</a>
Date that data is acquired	January - December
Publication release date	03 February 2022
Frequency	Annual
Timeframe of data and timeliness	Data are based on calendar years and are published as 3 year rolling averages. Estimates are generally published in December of the year following data collection.
Continuity of data	The methodology was revised in 2018. Data are available on a comparable basis back to 2009-2011.
Revisions statement	Revisions and corrections to previously published statistics are dealt with in accordance with the Scottish Government Statistician Group corporate policy statement on <a href="#">revisions and corrections</a> , a copy of which

	<p>is available on the Scottish Government website.</p> <p>Revisions will also be carried out in accordance with the <a href="#">Revisions policy for population, migration and life events statistics</a> available on the Office for National Statistics (ONS) website.</p>
Concepts and definitions	Further information can be found in the Healthy Life Expectancy publication the National Records of Scotland (NRS) website.
Relevance and key uses of the statistics	These statistics can be used to estimate the average number of years a person could expect to live in good health. They are used in monitoring and investigating health inequality issues within Scotland setting public health targets, informing pensions policy, research and testing.
Accuracy	<p>Healthy life expectancy at birth is an estimate which is subject to a margin of error. The accuracy of the results can be indicated by calculating a confidence interval within which the true underlying life expectancy would be expected to lie. Further information is available from the <a href="#">methodology section</a> of the NRS website.</p> <p>The National Records of Scotland have published research papers assessing the quality of the administrative data sources that are used in the production of mid-year population estimates. Mid-year population estimates are an important input in calculating life expectancy estimates. For more information go to the <a href="#">Research for the 2021 Census</a> section of the NRS website.</p> <p>The quality of deaths data which are part of the inputs in computing life expectancy estimates is available on the <a href="#">Vital Events</a> section of the NRS website.</p>
Completeness	Healthy life expectancies are presented by age and sex.
Comparability	These healthy life expectancy estimates are comparable to those produced by ONS for the UK, constituent countries and local areas.

	They are also comparable with the life expectancy estimates published in the 'Life expectancy in Scottish areas' NRS publication.
Accessibility	It is the policy of the National Records of Scotland (NRS) to make its website and products accessible according to published guidelines. More information is available in the <a href="#">Accessibility</a> section of the NRS website.
Coherence and clarity	The statistics are provided in Excel, CSV and PDF formats. They are designed to be consistent and incorporate comparable historical data where appropriate. Notations used within the tables and charts are given in footnotes.
Value type and unit of measure	Estimated time spent in good health, in years.
Official Statistics designation	These statistics were assessed by the UK Statistics Authority and have been designated as National Statistics.
UK Statistics Authority Assessment	These statistics were assessed in May 2011 using the UK Statistics Authority <a href="#">Assessment of Compliance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics</a> (PDF document) available from the UK Statistics Authority website.
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